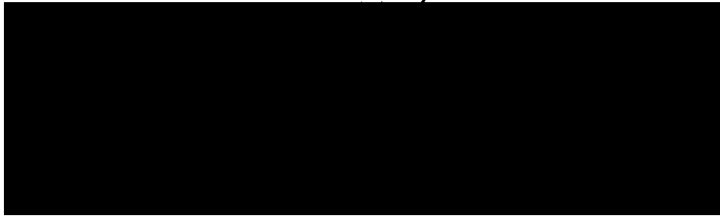


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Thank you for your letter to  
Mr. Dulles and the enclosed copy of  
your "Impressions of California".

Your thoughts on the Middle  
East situation were very interesting,  
and we appreciate your taking the time  
to write us.



Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

  
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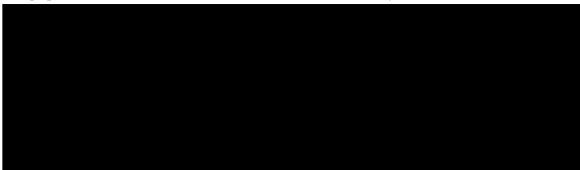
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My dear Mr. Dulles:

Please read this letter when you are not too busy — and will you enjoy giving it a good, blessed thought?

For many months I have been speaking at social gatherings about conditions in Egypt, Syria, Lebanon & Iraq, and stating facts about personalities in those countries.

Because what I have been telling about those countries of the Middle East differed from what all newspapers state, often incorrectly, several of my friends, and others, have been urging me to write to you, or to your Brother, our great Secretary of State — for

*and ask divine guidance whenever  
Thinking of him and his prodigious  
activities.*

*I was born in Syria, in one  
of the oldest Christian families.  
Came to this country half a cen-  
tury ago, and have been an Am-  
erican citizen since 1914.*

*About that time, in New  
York, I was editor & publisher  
of an excellent Arabic magazine.*

*Since coming out here in 1922  
I enjoyed entertaining a number  
of prominent visitors from Middle  
East countries, showing them  
many places in this great State,  
including wondrous Yosemite;  
and they have been corresponding  
with me ever since they re-  
turned home. So I have been  
getting first-hand information  
from Beirut, Cairo, Baghdad, Damas-*

and other cities in Lebanon  
written truthfully in good Arabic.

The most hated man in those countries was Iraq's tyrant, Nuri As-Said — that name should be written Noory As-Sa-ee<sup>نوري</sup>. What happened in Bagdad a few weeks ago was expected to take place any time for months.

I wonder if you know how Lebanon's Chamoun is regarded by those who know him well, and have known him for many years!

By the way, his name should be written Kamel Sham-oon, not Camille Ch. . . , that is much more like his Arabic name <sup>كامل شمعون</sup>.

When he became president he owed a number of people various amounts, and in a few years his wealth was estimated by several million dollars, to which he helped himself from his country's treasury. Some of <sup>his</sup> old friends consider him disloyal, treacherous, avaricious.

and a Christian only in name.  
 a journalist, N. Almalik, who  
 continued to criticize him after  
 he was warned . . . . , was assassinated  
 last May in Beirut. Dr. Chas.  
 Malek, who is well known at the  
 U. N., is looked upon in his country  
 as a hypocrite.

I know a great  
 deal about Abdul Nasser (This  
 name, ~~which~~, means "servant of  
 God; Nasser being one of the 100  
 Arabic names for God, Allah). He  
 is very much unlike all Arab  
 leaders who live in palaces and  
 spend tens of millions building  
 them, like King Saud. . . . A group  
 of Egyptians, who were educated in  
 England, advise him, and he is  
 the best among them to face and  
 address a crowd either in classical  
 arabic or in their common way  
 of speaking it. "Nasser" is not a  
 dictator; I am convinced that his  
 aim is to improve the poor conditions  
 of the people in Egypt — most of  
 them are in pitiful health.

I wish I could spend couple hours with you explaining the whole situation of the Arabs, clearly describing their traits and ways. They can be easily convinced that the U.S. is so much superior to Russia, and is the best nation in the world for them to look up to.

But, as you know, they have been thinking and feeling that "John Foster Dulles & the U.S. have no good feelings for them and no sympathy". . . . . I have written letters to editors of papers & magazines in three cities in Syria cogently refuting that false idea — and, also, denying the accusations that "The Negro is still a slave in the U.S.A.", and "... it was the U.S. who created Israel".

You know, of course, that the people of Asia, including the Chinese, do feel for the Arabs, who are (90%) Moslems. In this, among

for us the U.S. to do everything possible to win the feelings and friendships of all the Arabic speaking people. That can be done! I believe that if Mr. J. F. will write a few letters showing a friendly attitude he can magically influence and win the hearts of the leaders to whom he sends those letters;

And I wish I could take his letter to "Kasser" myself, and sit with him and his advisers, and cogently tell them in the clearest and best of Arabic that John Foster Dulles and the U.S. Government, undoubtedly, do have far better wishes for their well-being than the Russians do...!!

No one can speak or write, about this blessed country and the tangible and unseen virtues of its people, better than I can. Robert

*foreign-born Americans*  
or can be, more appreciative of this country, or more grateful to its people than I am!

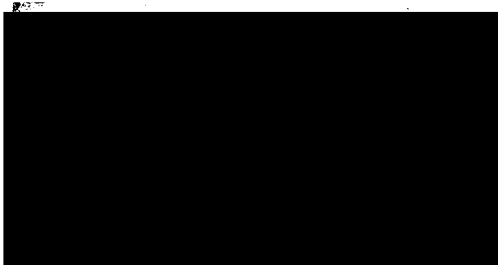
If there is anything I can do for you in any of those Middle East countries please let me know. I am sure I can secure for you the most accurate information. People over there will receive and treat me as one of them, not as an American reporter, or diplomat, or tourist.

Hoping you'll enjoy the enclosed California pictures — and verse. Similar copies have gone to all the states, and to many foreign countries. I sent a specially-made copy to General and Mrs. Eisenhower in 1952 c/o Columbia University, with a few lines of good wishes, which were acknowledged in a really beautiful letter sent from Augusta after the election of that year.

I am, yours with genuine sincerity,



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*This is a personal letter for Mr. Dulles!*

*Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Director of  
U. S. Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington,*

*D.C.*



*As to renowned Yosemite,  
A wonderland that is unique,  
I love, with lesser beauty,*

or an entire region will have to open.  
In this Sierra region grandeur

And across woods as abound:  
People mowed as they mow.

Rebelling views that go around:

Coburn trees, Glacier Point,  
The waterfalls of Yosemite National Park.

**El Capitan, of granite front,**  
Aristocrat of the mountains.

run as these are numerous rapids, streams and lakes and a valley high.

The mountains, above, which it surrounds  
Spectacularly glorify

Paracetamol only here can be found.\*

Of California, State of Missions,  
 Canada of Victoria above

These, in brief, are my impressions.

*CLASS 119th, KNOWN CAREER.*  
Her North and South and Cedar and Center

Have I seen with keen delight;  
And yet well do I remember

*All I saw by day or night.*

Freemont National Park is nearly 1200 square miles;

If Valley is only seven square miles. This Park has more and five great lakes; one is over 2600 feet high.

Efforts to save National Parks, with National Monuments, National Historic Sites, and National Natural Areas, are being made by the National Park Service, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the National Antiquities Act.

more than 29,700,000 acres of mountains, forests, deserts

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